Separate Law for Jawaharlal Nehru Port

112. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to enact a separate law for the Jawaharlal Nehru Port; and

(b) if so, what are the salient features of the proposed legislation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) The proposal is under consideration of the Government.

(b) The question does not arise till a final decision is taken on (a) above.

संचार माध्यमों की स्वायत्तता हेतु पी०टी०आई० द्वारा प्रारूप का तैयार किया जाना

113. **डा० रत्नाकर पांडेय** : क्या सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या समाचार एजेन्सी, "प्रेस ट्रस्ट आफ़ इंडिया" ने संचार माध्यमों को स्वायत्तता प्रदान किये जाने का मूर्त रूप देने के लिए किसी योजना का कोई प्रारूप सरकार के पास भेजा है :

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसका ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) इस पर सरकार की क्या प्रतिक्रिया है ?

सूचना और प्रसारण मंत्री तथा संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री पी० उपेन्द्र) : (क) जी, नहीं ।

(ख) और (ग) के सवाल पैदा ही नहीं होते ।

Upgradation of State Highways into National Highways in Tamil Nadu

114. SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government of Tamil Nadu have sent proposals for upgradation of State Highways into National Highways;

(b) if so, what are the details of State Highways suggested for upgradation;

(c) whether Government of India have conducted a survey for upgradation; and

(d) if so, the details of the State Highways taken up for upgradation into National Highways?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) During the 7th (1985—90) Plan, the Government of Tamil Nadu proposed the following two roads for declaring as National Highways *viz.*:

(i) East Coast Road from Madras to Kanyakumari; and

(ii) Road link from Nagercoil (on N.H. 47) to Kavalkinaru (on N.H. 7).

However, in December, 1989, P.W.D. Minister, Government of Tamil Nadu handed over a list of additional 16 roads shown in the attached Statement for inclusion in the N.H. grid during the 8th Five Year Plan. (*See* below).

(c) No, Sir. A survey is conducted normally only after the declaration of a road as a National Highway.

(d) In February, 1989, the Cochin-Madurai Road was declared as a National Highway which includes 180 Kms. in Tamil Nadu out of the total length of 280 Kms. The inclusion of any of the other roads in N.H. grid

will depend on inter-se priorities and the availability of resources in the Eighth Plan which is yet to be finalised.

Statement

The proposals for new N.Hs in the 8th Five Year Plan

S. No.	Name of Roads	Length in Kms.
1	Nagapattinam – Thanjavur – Trichy – Coimbatore – Ooty – Gudalore – Mysore State Border Road (State Highways)	504
2.	Cuddalore – Ulunthurpet – Salem Road (Major Dist. Road and State Highways)	192
3	Trichy – Viralimalai – Thuvaran – Kurchi – Madurai Road (Major Distt. Road)	122
4	Trichy – Pudukottai – Karaikudi – Ramnad	185
5	Didigul – Palani – Udumalpet – Pollachi – Coimbatore Road (State Highways)	159
6	Cuddalore – Vellore – Chittor Road (S.H.)	203
7	Madurai – Avrupukppottai – Tuticorin Road (S.H.)	133
8	East Coast Road – Madras – Cuddalore – Kanyakumari (Major Dist. Road)	737
9	Perambalur – Manamadurai Road (S.H.)	228
10	Thondi – Madurai – Theni – Kumbam – Kottayam – Cochin Road (Major Distt. Road) (Out of this, a length of 80 kms Madura – Theni section already converted as a N.H.)	268
11	Madurai – Thenkasi – Quilon Road (State Highways)	140
12	Thiruvannamalai – Krishnagiri Road (Major District Road)	130
13	Tirunelveli – Shencottah Road (State Highways)	59
14	Madurai – Ammaiyanaickannur – Gangu – Varpatti Kadaikanal Road (Major Distt. Road)	140
15	Thoppur – Mettur Bhavani Road (Major Distt. Road)	81
16	Vaniyambadi – Tirupathur – Dharmapuri Road (Major District Road)	80
	TOTAL :	3355

Fires in Buildings in Delhi

115. SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have identified the causes of frequent and extensive fires in buildings in Delhi;

(b) whether Government have identified fire-prone buildings in the Capital; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures have been taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a)